GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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PROCUREMENT OF RUBBER .
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of rubber in the country;

(b) whether the Government have procured rubber from the farmers;

(c) if so, the total quantity has been procured till 1st February 2000;

(d) whether any quantity of rubber so procured has been released or sold or disposed of otherwise;

(e) if so the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government intends to procure it further; and (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)
(a) The production of Natural Rubber during 1999-2000 is estimated at 6.25 lakh tonnes.
(b) to (e): Government of India through STC has procured 29,427 MT of Natural Rubber from RUBCO, RUBBER-MARK and Rubb Dealers till 1st February 2000. Of this a quantity of 26,096 MT has been sold / exported so far.
(f) & (g): The STC is under orders to continue to procure and supply Natural Rubber to Advance Licence Holders against indents placed by them.